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Sir:

Enclosed are four (4) sheets of formal drawings to replace the informal drawings as originally filed in the above-identified patent application.

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